IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Freddie Owens,

Case No. 0:15-mc-00254-TLW-PJG

PETITIONER

v.

Bryan P. Stirling, Commissioner, South Carolina Department of Corrections; Joseph McFadden, Warden, Lieber Correctional Institution,

**RESPONDENTS** 

Order

This matter is before the Court on Petitioner's Motion for Stay of Execution, which was filed on February 8, 2016. ECF No. 45. This Court previously granted two ninety-day stays of execution, which terminated on November 13, 2015 and February 22, 2016, respectively. ECF Nos. 9, 30. Petitioner now asks this Court to grant another ninety-day stay pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2251(a)(1). Respondents have not filed a response to the motion.

Having carefully reviewed the record and relevant authority, the Court finds that Petitioner should be granted a stay of execution. The stay shall terminate 90 days after the date of this Order. The Parties may seek an additional stay of execution as necessary pursuant to § 2251(a)(1) to allow for full consideration of Petitioner's imminent habeas petition.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Terry L. Wooten

Terry L. Wooten Chief United States District Judge

February 19, 2016 Columbia, South Carolina